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Re. Fifth Estate

1. The recent murder of Richard S. Welch, Greece, has focussed attention on Fifth Estate, working to sabotage various US intelligence operations, charged with fingering Welch for assassination, listing his name in the two latest issues of its "Counter-Spy", on Page 50 of its Summer-Fall issue and issue. (See copies of both issues attached, and E

2. Fifth Estate bluntly states its primary "abolishment of the CIA" and (2) "support for CIA" the Summer-Fall issue of "Counter-Spy".

3. Other Fifth Estate objectives, as ascertained and other issues of "Counter-Spy" appear to be the ineffectiveness of the FBI and other US intelligence and security agencies.

4. From a brief evaluation of available material and other evidence from Fifth Estate sources, including interviews with two of its five principals (Winslow Peck and Eda Gordon), it is apparent that Fifth Estate, and its spin-offs, not only are targeted to damage or destroy US security operations, but also that they are probably under Marxist control or operation. In addition, it appears that the whole Fifth Estate setup has close ties with other leftist or radical groups, some of them, at least, Communist controlled or infiltrated.

5. The following attachments, numbered I, II, III, IV, V, & VI), are submitted as partial evidence of statements made in Paragraphs 3 & 4 above. (See attachments numbered I, II, III, IV, V and VI.)

I. "We're Looking For Someone Like You" history, objectives, chief personalities, etc. of Intelligence Documentation Center, located in same suite with Fifth Estate, its founder, at Suite 403, 2000 P St., N.W., Wash. DC 20036, Telephone: 202/785/8385. (Fifth Estate moved there recently from its previous location: a cluttered office at 519 Dupont Circle Bldg., Wash. DC 20036.)

II. "Fifth Estate Annual Report" (1974-75) - "growth", "research and education" and "Prospectus for 1975". This report also is found on Pages 53, 54 & 55 of Winter issue of "Counter-Spy".

III. "Public Education Project on the Intelligence Community" also located in same suite with Fifth Estate and Intelligence Documentation Center, Suite 403, 2000 P St., NW, Wash. DC 20036. Winslow Peck, one of five principals in Fifth Estate (listed in I. above), claims speakers from this project have appeared on "hundreds" of US campuses in last two years, and presently "about 150 people" are working in "research groups" on many campuses "studying government abuses of power, specifically among security agencies, in their areas".

IV. "Threats to the Constitution", a promotional booklet for speaking engagements from Fifth Estate's Public Education Project on the Intelligence Community".